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Affirmation, Passion, Few Details At Goddard All-Hands Meeting

by Anna Bedford-Dillow



PHOTO BY GNR SOURCE

The propulsion lab in Building 11 is where multiple spacecraft propulsion systems were built from scratch. It has now been emptied and everything remaining in the room was marked “Excess.” Democratic members of the House SS&T Committee called it a “mission-critical propulsion laboratory” in their letter requesting an investigation by the NASA Office of the Inspector General.

On Wednesday, November 19, an all-hands meeting was held for NASA Goddard Space Flight Center (GSFC) with Associate Administrator for NASA’s Science Mission Directorate Nicola Fox and Goddard’s Acting Center Director Cynthia Simmons.

They spoke to their professional trajectories and backgrounds, Fox calling Goddard “home” and Simmons speaking of her 26 years at the center. Both avowed their commitment to its future.

See **GODDARD**, page 6

Dr. Jay McCarl Inducted Into PGCPHS Hall of Fame

by Deanna Dawson

Longtime Greenbelt dentist, Dr. James “Jay” McCarl has been inducted into the Prince George’s County Public Schools (PGCPS) Hall of Fame. One of eight individual awardees, all PGCPS graduates, McCarl (Parkdale High School, 1976) received the Distinguished Humanitarian award at a gala on October 24



Jay McCarl

at the MGM National Harbor Hotel. The other awardees were Distinguished Educator: Maryland State School Superintendent Dr. Carey M. Wright (DuVal High School, 1968); Distinguished Athlete: Coach Charles Harley (Central High School, 1985); Distinguished Professional: global workforce expert Dr. Shirley Davis (Friendly High School, 1984); actor and filmmaker Taraji P. Henson (Oxon Hill High School, 1988); NBC4 reporter and Prince George’s County Bureau chief Tracee Wilkins (High Point High School, 1993); and Distinguished Young Leader: entrepreneurs Chantel Powell (Northwestern High School, 2005) and Jaki-

ra Hameed “Kira Dior” (Charles Herbert Flowers High School, 2014). The Boris Lawrence Henson Foundation received the Superintendent’s Award of Excellence. Former District 2 Board of Education member Joshua

Thomas (Eleanor Roosevelt High School, 2010) served as master of ceremonies.

McCarl Bio

McCarl was recognized for pairing his professional work with volunteer service. His Hall of Fame biography (eefpgcps.org/distinguished-humanitarian-dr-james-mccarl) cites the pro bono dental care that McCarl has provided locally, as well as his mentoring of aspiring dentists and his travel to Haiti and Poland to provide care for those in crisis. He has also volunteered with the Mid-Atlantic Burn Camp to help children with life-altering injuries. He has tutored local students,

See **MCCARL**, page 8

From the Archives

Celebrating 88 Years of News

This week marks 88 years of weekly publication for this newspaper. The first issue of the paper, then called the Co-operator, was published on November 24, 1937. We have been publishing without fail ever since, becoming the Greenbelt News Review in 1954.

The excerpt below from that first issue lays out in detail what the paper’s founders believed it would take to produce a quality newspaper. What they wrote is still relevant today as we enter our 89th year.

A Good Newspaper

Greenbelt Cooperator, Vol. 1, No. 1:

“A good newspaper is an adjunct of self-government; it is the keystone in the arch of American liberty. The town meeting and the town weekly are joint partners in maintaining order, stability, progress and sanity in any modern community.

It is therefore natural to ask what policy the Greenbelt Cooperator has in view; what its relation is toward the community. The sphere of the Cooperator and

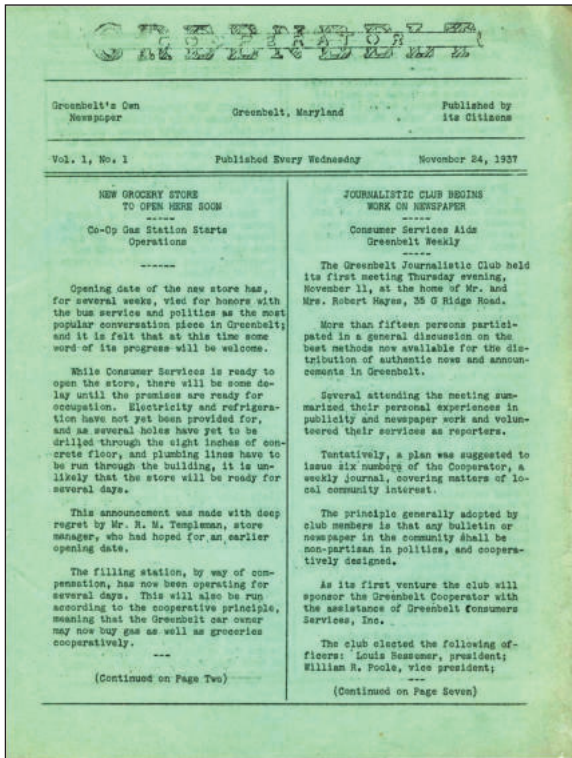


PHOTO FROM GREENBELT NEWS REVIEW ARCHIVES

The first issue of the Greenbelt Cooperator, published on November 24, 1937.

its policies may be summarized within an eight-point* outline as follows:

1. To serve as a nonprofit enterprise.
2. To remain nonpartisan in politics.

development of Greenbelt and its environs.”

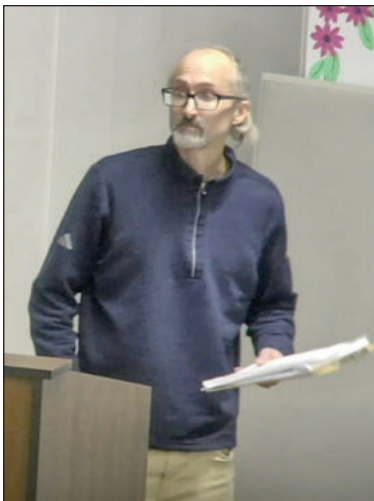
*Our editors in 2025 note that that first newspaper needed a proofreader, as there are only seven points listed, not eight.

City Public Works Staff Press Council for Unionization Action

by Larry Beyna

In its meeting of November 17, Greenbelt City Council reviewed the situation relating to unionization of the Department of Public Works (DPW) employees (the remainder of the meeting will be reported in a later issue.).

During the early part of the meeting, Trent Leon-Lierman of LiUNA (Laborers’ International Union of North America) reminded council that on September 7 they received a petition signed by a majority of DPW employees requesting a city charter amendment to allow employees to unionize and engage in collective bargaining (see the September 11 issue).



SCREENSHOT FROM CITY OF GREENBELT RECORDING

Trent Leon-Lierman, Greenbelt resident and organizer with LiUNA speaks of the need for collective bargaining rights for Public Works employees at the November 17 council meeting.

Intimidation Allegations

Leon-Lierman also reported that since September 7 there have been five alleged instances of DPW managers intimidating pro-union employees. City Manager Josué Salmerón noted that he had addressed the alleged instances with managers and said his door was open to all staff to address any concerns.

In response to a question from

Councilmember Danielle McKinney, Salmerón described steps underway to provide additional training to city management staff to handle conflict resolution and the legal implications of unionization. City Director of Human Resources Dawane Martinez said his department had received no complaints of such intimidation and that the council meeting was the first he had heard of them. He had also found no record of previous supervisory training provided to managers. He added that there is also a petition from some DPW employees against forming a union.

Councilmember Silke Pope wondered why the human resources director would not have heard of the complaints. Leon-Lierman stated that some workers “don’t feel comfortable with management, including HR management and that’s why they want a voice for themselves.”

Salmerón said several trainings of managers on unionization, leadership and harassment will take place in the near future. He encouraged workers to come to him directly, stating he has a “zero tolerance policy on

See **UNIONIZATION**, page 8

What Goes On

Monday, December 1 7:30 p.m., City Council Meet and Greet, Council Chambers, Municipal Building
Wednesday, December 3 No Council Meeting

See the city ad on page 5 or the meetings calendar at greenbeltnmd.gov for more information.

Letters to the Editor

Thankful for Our PORCH Food Donors

We would like to thank our neighbors at 14 and 16 Courts Ridge Road, 8 and 10 Courts Southway and the kind lady at 11-S Ridge Road who supported the PORCH program this past year by donating food and personal products for the St Hugh’s

Food Pantry. Your generosity is so appreciated! During our last food collection on November 23, we received 129 pounds of food from these courts alone. Thank you so much for all your support in the past year helping to stock the food pantry and making sure people have a nice Thanksgiving.

Maya and Lien Gareri



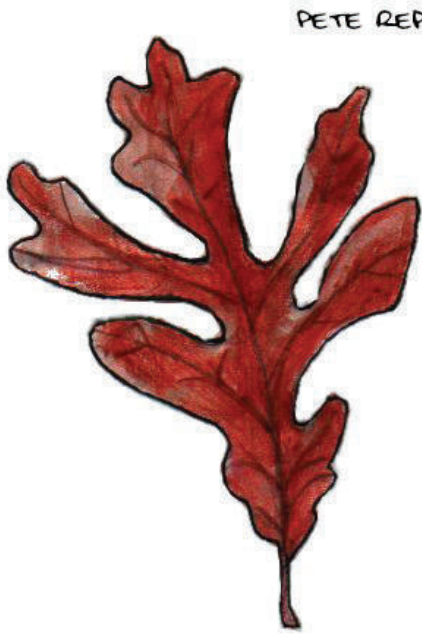
It’s prime pumpkin pie and apple pie season, and these delectable delicious desserts’ main ingredients were available in plentiful supply at the bustling Greenbelt Farmers Market on a bright and sunny Sunday, November 23. A plethora of plump pumpkins and an array of autumnal apples were ripe for the picking at two stands, all ready to adorn this week’s holiday tables.

- Photos by Matt Neufeld



Carriers Bring Greetings – Soon!

The Greenbelt News Review December 4 issue will bring a cheerful holiday envelope that requests gifts for carriers. Your gifts are positive feedback for the work ethic that carriers display all year long. See the December 4 issue for instructions for getting your gift to your carrier.



To be a giant and keep quiet about it,
To stay in one's own place;
To stand for the constant presence of process
And always to seem the same

- from "Trees" by Harold Nemerov



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SHOWTIMES:
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Wicked: For Good (PG) (CC) (DVS) (2025) (137 mins)
Screen 1 - Main Auditorium
Fri. 4:50 PM, 8:00 PM
Sat. 4:45 PM, 8:00 PM
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Tues. 7:00 PM
Thurs. 4:50 PM
Screen 2 - The Screening Room
Mon. 4:00 PM, 7:10 PM
Wed. 7:15 PM

Sentimental Value (R) (CC) (2025) (134 mins)
Screen 1 - Main Auditorium
Mon. 4:20 PM (OC), 7:30 PM
Wed. 7:00 PM
Screen 2 - The Screening Room
Fri. 5:15 PM, 8:15 PM
Sat. 5:00 PM, 8:15 PM
Sun. 2:20 PM, 5:15 PM
Tues. 7:15 PM
Thurs. 7:45 PM

It's a Wonderful Life (PG) (1946) (130 mins)
Free Cinema Classic
Reel Magic of the Holidays
Screen 1 - Main Auditorium
Mon. 1:00 PM
Thurs. 8:00 PM

On Screen at Greenbelt Cinema

Wicked: For Good

Elphaba (Cynthia Erivo), now demonized as The Wicked Witch of the West, lives in exile, hidden within the Ozian forest while continuing her fight for the freedom of Oz’s silenced animals and desperately trying to expose the truth she knows about The Wizard (Jeff Goldblum). Glinda (Ariana Grande), meanwhile, has become the glamorous symbol of goodness for all of Oz, living at the palace in Emerald City and reveling in the perks of fame and popularity. Under the instruction of Madame Morrible (Michelle Yeoh), Glinda is deployed to serve as an effervescent comfort to Oz, reassuring the masses that all is well under the rule of The Wizard. As Glinda prepares to marry Prince Fiyero (Jonathan Bailey), she is haunted by her separation from Elphaba. She attempts to broker a conciliation between Elphaba and The Wizard, but those efforts fail, driving Elphaba and Glinda only further apart. As an angry mob rises against the Wicked Witch, Glinda and Elphaba will need to come together one final time. With their singular friendship now the fulcrum of their futures, they will need to truly see each other, with honesty and empathy, if they are to change themselves, and all of Oz, for good.

Sentimental Value

Sisters Nora and Agnes reunite with their estranged father, the charismatic Gustav, a once-renowned director who offers stage actress Nora a role in what he hopes will be his comeback film. When Nora turns it down, she soon discovers he has given her part to an eager young Hollywood star. Suddenly, the two sisters must navigate their complicated relationship with their father – and deal with an American star dropped right into the middle of their complex family dynamics. Said critic Max Weiss of New York Magazine/Vulture, “[Film director Joachim] Trier, who has two young daughters himself, directs the whole affair with beauty and pathos and wit. His deeply humane film is an object lesson: You don’t need to be monomaniacal to make great art.”

It’s a Wonderful Life

After George Bailey (James Stewart) wishes he had never been born, an angel (Henry Travers) is sent to earth to make George’s wish come true. George starts to realize how many lives he has changed and impacted, and how they would be different if he had never been there.

Father Walter Tappe Celebrates Forty Years in the Priesthood

by Mary Moien

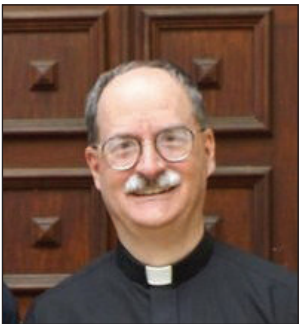
Father Walter Tappe, pastor of St. Hugh of Grenoble Catholic Church, will celebrate the 40th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood on December 7. The parish will have a reception for him in Grenoble Hall after he celebrates the 11 a.m. Sunday Mass.

Father Walter grew up in St. Bernadette parish in Silver Spring where he received his Baptism, First Penance, First Holy Communion and Confirmation. He attended the parish elementary and junior high school where he was taught by the Franciscan Sisters of Philadelphia, Pa., attended Our Lady of Good Counsel High School in Wheaton and graduated from the University of Virginia in January 1980 with a degree in international relations.

He entered seminary in the fall of 1980, attending Holy Trinity Seminary in Irving, Texas, for a year of philosophic studies. He subsequently completed five years of theology at the Pontifical North American College in Rome, where he earned a Licentiate in sacred theology from the Pontifical Gregorian University. He was ordained a priest of the Archdiocese of Washington by Cardinal James A. Hickey on December 7, 1985.

Greenbelt Years

After ordination, he served as an associate pastor in three different parishes in the Archdiocese and lived in residence at St. Hugh parish from 1996-2000 while working as director of the



Fr. Walter Tappe

Office of Worship for the Archdiocese. In June 2004 he was appointed pastor of St. Hugh of Grenoble Church where he has remained.

Though he grew up in Silver Spring, Father Walter has become a seasoned Greenbelter, having lived and served in Greenbelt for more than 25 years.

Like any parish priest, Father Walter's days are filled with prayer, study, preaching, teaching, celebrating the Sacraments and ministering to the spiritual and corporal needs of the parish. He celebrates Mass every morning and several times on weekends. He visits the sick, hospitalized and homebound, and regularly visits the St. Joseph Regional Catholic School in Beltsville where he teaches religion to all grades. He keeps up with the activities of the various parish organizations, such as the Sodality of Our Lady, Ladies of Charity and Knights of Columbus, as well as advising on and performing baptisms, marriages and funerals. Father Walter finds it "a very full and fulfilling life."

Father Walter's hope is to remain pastor at St. Hugh's and a member of the Greenbelt community for many years to come. He can easily be recognized by the baseball cap he regularly wears sporting, as he is quick to point out, the name of his boss, Jesus, whom he serves with great joy.



City Notes

The City Manager, Economic Development, Public Safety, Constituent Services and CARES staff toured Laurel's Multiservice Center. Public Safety attended a county fire department meeting. Economic Development visited four businesses and Code Enforcement inspected nine rentals.

Animal Shelter residents are seven cats, four kittens and three dogs. Seventeen Dog Park permits are active and 74 spay/neuter vouchers have been issued, with 39 redeemed.

Horticulture/Parks removed four hazardous trees, installed signage announcing tree replacements, and collected leaves. Streets/Mechanics tested snowplows and salt spreaders, removed voting boxes and installed traffic safety devices.

The Community Center and Aquatic & Fitness Center continued collecting nonperishable food and Toys for Tots, and Springhill Lake Recreation Center hosted Learn2Earn.

Therapeutic Recreation offered seniors a Social Security seminar, Tech Café and, with Arts, an Art Social. Museum staff welcomed over 50 attendees for a Reparations Committee town hall.

CARES/Greenbelt Assistance in Living program facilitated a county holiday food drive, embellished with uplifting cards from Artful Afternoon participants.

Obituaries

Delores Goodall

Longtime Greenbelt resident Delores M. Goodall died October 4, 2025, in Boonsboro, Md.

Delores was born in Washington, D.C., in 1930 and grew up in Bladensburg. She was a graduate of the Greenbelt High School Class of 1948. Delores moved back to Greenbelt in the early 1950s when she married her high school sweetheart, William J. Goodall, Jr. She and Bill raised four children in Greenbelt.

Delores worked for Prince George's County Public Schools as a school bus assistant for over

30 years, a job she loved and to which she was dedicated.

She will be remembered for her kindness and her love for her family and friends.

Delores leaves behind two daughters, Susan Bordas and Judy Crosby (Dan), four granddaughters, one grandson, four great-granddaughters, two great-grandsons, one great-great-grandson and one great-great-granddaughter. Delores was preceded in death by two loving sons, William H. Goodall and James Scott Goodall, Sr.



Our condolences to the family, friends and former school bus riders of longtime Greenbelt resident Delores Goodall, a proud graduate of the Greenbelt High School class of 1948.

Our congratulations to Dr. James "Jay" McCarl who was inducted into the Prince George's County Public Schools Hall of Fame and received the Distinguished Humanitarian award on October 24. He was recognized for his vast amount of volunteer work as well as for his professional accomplishments. McCarl retired in late 2024 after more than 40 years with the McCarl Dental Group.

Congratulations to EMT Jon Fraller, who was recognized by the GVFD as EMT of the year. Jon was lauded for his pivotal role in bringing the EMS Bike Unit to life.

Our congratulations too to Father Walter Tappe, pastor of St. Hugh of Grenoble Catholic Church, who will celebrate the 40th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood on December 7. He has served at St. Hugh's since June 2004.

Send details of your news to editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com.

Obituaries

The News Review publishes obituaries of Greenbelt residents, past or present.

You write it or we will if you prefer. We try to include information about participation in various activities and organizations, where the person lived and something about the family. A photograph and service information should be included. There is no charge.



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"Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;
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Psalms 118:29



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Anthony Jenkins with Worship Associate Jacqui Walpole

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City Information & Events

The strength of Greenbelt is diverse people living together in a spirit of cooperation. We celebrate all people. By sharing together all are enriched. We strive to be a respectful, welcoming community that is open, accessible, safe and fair.

MEETINGS FOR DECEMBER 1-5

Monday, December 1 at 7:30pm, **WORK SESSION - COUNCIL MEET & GREET**

Tuesday, December 2 at 5:30pm, **DISTRICT 22 LEGISLATION DINNER (CITY OF NEW CARROLLTON)**

Tuesday, December 2 at 7pm, **ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, On the Agenda: Plan for Principals' Meeting, Discuss Educator Awards, and a Food Assistance Grants Update**

Tuesday, December 2 at 7pm, **PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE, On the Agenda: Review brainstorming prevention/intervention resources for city 14 - 18 year olds, Discuss Police Department complaint/ inquiry process, and Modernization of Advisory C ommittee acronym**

Tuesday, December 2 at 7pm, **REPARATIONS COMMISSION, On the Agenda: Honoring Reparations fighters, Updates from Historical Research Subcommittee, Vote on accepting the AARN report, Discuss the PIN Report, and allow for public comment**

Wednesday, December 3, **NO MEETING**

Thursday, December 4 at 7pm, **FOREST PRESERVE ADVISORY BOARD, On the Agenda: Piscataway Presentation with guests Adam Greene and Jess Y Iren Kyi, Update on Deer Enclosures with guest Peter May, Disuccion on Firewise + coordination with GHI Woodlands, FPAB Board Member Recruitment**

In advance, the hearing impaired are advised to use MD RELAY at 711 to submit your questions/comments or contact the City Clerk at (301) 474-8000 or email banderson@greenbeltmd.gov. This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call (301) 474-8000. For information on public participation for the meetings above, visit the meetings calendar at www.greenbeltmd.gov/calendar.

LEAF COLLECTION SCHEDULE Fall 2025-2026

Week	Location	Holiday
November 17-21	Woodland Hills	
November 24-28	Lakeside	Thanksgiving November 27 & 28
December 1-5	Lakewood Greensprings I & II	
December 8-12	Boxwood	
December 15-19	Woodland Hills	
December 22-26	Lakeside	Christmas December 25
December 29 - January 2	Lakewood Greensprings I & II	New Years Day January 1

HOLIDAY EVENTS

COMMUNITY TREE LIGHTING WITH SANTA Friday, December 5, 7pm Roosevelt Center

Greenbelters of all ages are welcome to gather to welcome Santa, who arrives by fire truck to light the community tree. Immediately following the tree lighting, the Greenbelt Cinema will host a free viewing of "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" (1966).

DECO THE HALLS - GREENBELT MUSEUM OPEN HOUSE Friday, December 5, 7:30-9pm Greenbelt Museum

Visit the Museum House at 10-B Crescent after the City's tree lighting to see Deco the Halls, an exhibit of art deco and vintage holiday decorations. Take a quick tour of the fully furnished original Greenbelt home, which glows at night. Then peruse the pop-up gift shop inside 10-A Crescent, freshly stocked with new holiday merchandise. House and gift shop open 7:30-9pm.

SANTA'S VISIT Saturday, December 6, 1-3pm Greenbelt Youth Center

Santa has fit time into his busy holiday schedule! All children will receive a FREE picture with Santa.

5TH ANNUAL WINTER WONDERLAND Saturday, December 6, 5-8 pm Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church

Celebrate this milestone with Crew 746! Take a lighted woodland walk and gather around the campfires while you await a visit from Santa. Enjoy hot cocoa, caroling, face painting, story time, and a model train village. Stay for music and dramatic performances by local musicians and teen actors.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

City Offices will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 27 and 28, for the Thanksgiving Holiday.
THE GREENBELT CONNECTION WILL NOT BE OPERATING.

REFUSE/RECYCLING SCHEDULE Week of November 24

Monday Route – Refuse and Recycling Regular Schedule
Tuesday Route – Refuse and Recycling Regular Schedule
Wednesday Route – Refuse and Recycling Regular Schedule
Thursday Route – Refuse collected on Wednesday
– No Recycling Collection

There will be no appliance, odd metals, hard plastics, or yard waste collections on Friday, November 28

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

In the City of Greenbelt, we remain committed to embracing and celebrating the diversity of all. As our nation undergoes change, feelings of pride, uncertainty, and even fear may arise. Yet, we stand firm in the pledge that has defined Greenbelt since its inception and will not falter.

Learn more at <https://www.greenbeltmd.gov/government/know-your-rights-immigration-resources>.

CURRENT GAIL PROGRAMS

CARES is happy to provide the following programs **FREE** of charge. For more information, email Brendy Maddox at bgarcia@greenbeltmd.gov or (202) 670-6497.

- OPEN COMPUTER LAB FOR ADULTS** 1st and 3rd Monday of each month. Weekly sign-up required.
- FREE MONTHLY DIAPER DISTRIBUTION** Greenbelt Residents Only. First time participants must provide proof of residency, state-issued ID, birth certificate (or copy) for each child.

COMMUNITY INPUT FOR INDIAN CREEK PARK PLAN

The City of Greenbelt invites residents to share feedback on the proposed concept plans for Indian Creek Park. The trail will connect Cherrywood Lane and the Greenbelt Station Development north of the park site.

The feedback form will close on December 15, and results will be discussed at a second community meeting in late January.

Review the presentation slides and submit your feedback at www.greenbeltmd.gov/indiancreekpark.



GOBBLE WOBBLE Thursday, November 27 at 9 am

Buddy Attick Park Lake (Starts at Youth Center, 99 Centerway)

Join us for Greenbelt's Annual Gobble Wobble Family Fun Run & Walk, a Thanksgiving morning community tradition. Bring your family, friends, and neighbors. Participants meet at the Greenbelt Youth Center and the course takes them on the Buddy Attick Park lake path. Get some exercise before your Thanksgiving feast! Participants receive a Gobble Wobble shirt. Medals awarded to top finishers and medals for youth.

COST: \$20/person, \$70 family 4-pack. Pick up race packet Wednesday, November 26 from 9am-8pm at the Youth Center. **DAY OF RACE COST:** \$25/person, \$90 family 4-pack.

REGISTER: <https://bit.ly/gobblewobble25?r=qr>.

CONTACT: Patrick Mullen at pmullen@greenbeltmd.gov or by phone at (240) 542-2188.

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SIGN UP FOR CURBSIDE COMPOSTING

A new analysis by ReFED estimates that 360 million pounds of food will be wasted this Thanksgiving.

You can reduce the waste in Greenbelt by signing up for curbside composting. The program is open to anyone who lives in the City. You must be able to place your bin outside your yard close to the parking area for collection in a Compost Crew bin, purchased for a one-time fee of \$20. Visit www.compostcrew.com/greenbelt to learn more and sign up for the curbside collection.

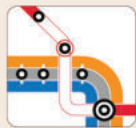


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planned metrorail track work advisory for our community



GREEN LINE TRACK WORK IN DECEMBER

Metro would like to inform riders of [planned track work](#) on the Metrorail system that may affect service in our area for the month of December.

From December 6-7, the Greenbelt and College Park Metro Stations will be closed and free shuttle buses will replace trains between Hyattsville Crossing and Greenbelt.

From December 16-30, no stations will be closed, but the Green Line will single-track through three stations: U Street, Columbia Heights, and Georgia Av-Petworth. This work is part of ongoing efforts to maintain safety and service across the system.

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GREENBELT CITY CALENDAR

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Sparkle Mart: Greenbelt's Juried Art and Craft Fair December 6 (10 am - 5 pm), December 7 (10 am - 4 pm) Greenbelt Community Center. Shop for original fine crafts and artwork, direct from about 80 local makers! Enjoy live music both days, 1 - 3 pm. More information at greenbeltmd.gov/arts. Sign up to volunteer at <https://sugeni.us/e5FG>.

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- The New Deal Nut: A Greenbelt Nutcracker** Tickets (\$5) on sale now! Call the Greenbelt Community Center business office at (301) 397-2208 to purchase.
- Fused Glass Ornament** 11/30 11am-12:30pm *Greenbelt Community Center* Registration required; see page 34 of the [activity guide](#) for details.

ACTIVE SCAM ALERT



A fake event called "Jingle and Mingle Market Extravaganza" is being promoted for December 6–7 at 25 Crescent Road (Greenbelt Municipal Building). This event is not affiliated with the City of Greenbelt and is a SCAM. Please stay alert—do not send money or payments through digital apps.

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A majority (or quorum) of Greenbelt City Council members may attend community organization meetings, but no official Council action will be taken at these meetings. Please note that meeting locations may change after being published. For information on how to join these meetings, contact the respective organization directly.

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Attendees were told in advance that there would be no chance to ask questions. Several attendees noted the abundance of cheerleading but scarcity of information. The News Review obtained an audio recording of the meeting.

Communication

GSFC Director of Communications Patrick Lynch opened the meeting blaming the government shutdown for a lapse in communications at Goddard. “A lot of this we would have done in October,” he said, though the moves at Goddard and problems with communication about them began prior to the shutdown (see the September 25 issue). Lynch spoke about the beginning of a period of sustained communication and meetings that will include individual question-and-answer sessions and town halls with each directorate on the campus. “As you all know we’re at an inflection point for the center,” said Lynch.

Commitment to Goddard

Simmons gave a lengthy history of her love for NASA. She spoke of how Apollo had inspired her and how she had arrived at Goddard as a contractor in 2000. Every one of her jobs at NASA was to “fix something,” she said. “Some of you may have seen stuff out in the media. I didn’t spend 26 years of my life here to destroy this place.”

Simmons emphasized that she was 46 days into the position of acting center director, which she began on August 1 after previously serving as deputy director.

Simmons praised the employees and touted the importance of Goddard. “Transformation happens. Change happens. Goddard has a phenomenal legacy,” said Simmons. She highlighted inspiring missions, such as Dragonfly and DAVINCI, as well as the center’s importance in disaster recovery, as a search and rescue hub for the world and for open data science that is “critical for the world.”

Fox also gave an introduction, praising the Roman team in particular, calling them “wizards,” and said the shutdown had shown how missed NASA was when its science went quiet for six weeks. “People miss us,” she said.

“I don’t fight every freaking day for NASA science to shut down Goddard,” said Fox. “We are committed to it.” She said she was committed to being at Goddard more often going forward, as she was at other centers. She also said she was committed to future meetings where people would be able to ask questions.

Administration Priorities

“We work for a government agency. Our role is to enact the administration priorities,” said Fox. “We are part of the executive branch. And we like it – that’s what we do; that’s why we work here. The agency is focused on ‘Moon to Mars.’ Goddard is at the center of what we do ‘Moon to Mars.’” She continued, jokingly, “NASA science – you only need us if you want to come home alive, right?” The Moon to Mars project is to advance crewed lunar missions, sustain human presence and exploration on the moon and use that as a stepping stone to human presence on Mars.

DRPs and Staffing Cuts

At its height, GSFC had 10,000 people on its campus. However, they’ve had a “flat

budget,” explained Simmons, who said at the meeting that the campus had now lost a third of its staff since that heyday. It took a big hit from the Deferred Resignation Program (DRP) and the “fork in the road.” “My commitment as deputy director of Goddard was how can we navigate, how can I help us navigate,” she stated. GSFC will move forward with “missions that are surely coming,” though there will likely still be a hiring freeze for civil servants, she said. They’ll be partnering with the commercial world.

Building Consolidations

“We have capabilities spread through a campus where one third of us are gone. That means buildings are very low occupancy,” explained Simmons. “One through 37 are our numbers,” she said, seemingly reporting the buildings to be vacated. She pointed to buildings built in the 1960s, engineers wearing gators, having to cover equipment in tarps and the ability to save costs by consolidating. Buildings to the west of Goddard Road are not going to be demolished, she said, “We’re moving it and consolidating so it costs less money. We can take advantage of capacity in the newer buildings. ... I want to modernize this campus.”

Care for Hardware

Simmons and Fox did not address how moves were taking place, the lack of notice and communication being given to those impacted or concerns the News Review has heard about how equipment is being treated during the moves or “excessed” if there was nowhere to move it to. Instead, Simmons spoke of how those who took DRPs had only two weeks to clean out their offices which they had sometimes occupied for decades. She said that quick vacating of offices had meant they’d found spaceflight hardware in boxes she wouldn’t even use to pack things at home. That kind of hardware can’t be used on missions if they couldn’t account for its “pedigree,” said Simmons, who said hardware was left without documentation. “It looks like a disaster film in some areas,” said Simmons. “They left stuff that we have to caretake so we’ve been inventorying during the shutdown,” she said of the equipment seemingly abandoned by those who took the fork-in-the-road option. She said that if employees have things they need to “save” they can notify HR individuals she identified in the room or within their directorate. “We have no intention of displacing your stuff – which is

our stuff, by the way, our stuff, NASA stuff. We have an obligation and commitment to taxpayers to take care of our stuff.” Asset management is one of the projects they’re going to do, she told those at the meeting.

Reception

Simmons did not broach the question of why those ordered to vacate their offices for moves are receiving little communication and in some cases one week notice, according to emails obtained by the News Review, half

the two-week timeline she hinted was problematic under DRPs. The same day as the all-hands meeting one of our Goddard sources said they and many of their colleagues had found themselves locked out of an area of their building without notice and unable to access their equipment still there. He told the News Review a briefing notification he received stated that Simmons and Fox would discuss NASA and Goddard’s near- and long- term

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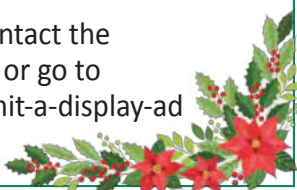
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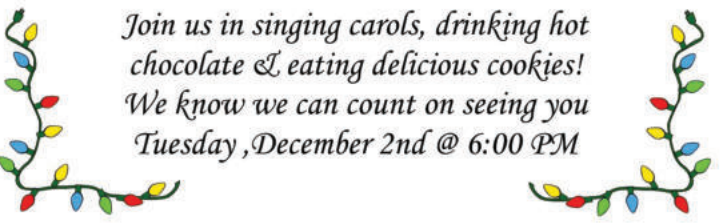


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Congressmembers Call for NASA OIG Investigation into GSFC

by Anna Bedford-Dillow

On Friday, November 21, Democratic members of the Committee on Science, Space and Technology wrote to Robert Steinau of the NASA Office of the Inspector General (OIG) requesting the office initiate a formal audit of NASA’s management of the Goddard Space Flight Center (GSFC). “Specifically, we request that your office evaluate the agency’s recent actions regarding the relocation and closure of buildings, laboratories, facilities, equipment and personnel at Goddard, including (but not limited to) the main Goddard campus in Greenbelt, Maryland,” they wrote.

The congressmembers expressed concern over degraded capabilities at GSFC and lack of transparency toward Congress and employees themselves. NASA and GSFC leadership have repeatedly pointed to the GSFC masterplan as the rationale behind closures and divestments on the campus over recent months. However, the masterplan for GSFC called for modernization over two decades, including the construction of new buildings and maintenance of capabilities and responsibilities while achieving an eventual 25 percent reduction in footprint, state the committee members. The 20-year timeline was necessary for careful implementation, they argued. “What is happening right now at Goddard is not prudent, thoughtful, in good faith or rational,” they allege, pointing to no “sudden crisis that requires drastic and chaotic intervention on a timeline of months, weeks or days” and “a sudden rush to shutter half of Goddard’s main Greenbelt campus by March 2026” without notification, justification or disclosure. The letter writers also noted questions about whether recent activities violated the Antideficiency Act.

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mission objectives and provide details on the campus consolidation efforts taking place. He did not hear mission objectives and details at that meeting, he said, but rather the ongoing issues were ignored and it was filled with life stories, fond remembrances and what he believes amounts to “gaslighting.” Another News Review source said the town hall had mixed reviews, with some appreciating Simmons’ candidness and others insulted by the dismissal of “reports in the media.” A third source we spoke with described the all-hands meeting as “all platitudes

The committee members asserted that the “situation deteriorated drastically the week of November 3rd, when Goddard employees were suddenly informed that the Building 11 propulsion laboratory, cleanroom and flight storage area would be emptied out on the following Wednesday, November 12th” (see reporting in the November 12 issue).

The letter asks the OIG to assess the decision-making process, including motivations and intentions; the consistency of closures and relocations with the master plan, including timelines, buildings and mitigation strategies; compliance with law and agency rules, including requirements during a furlough, the tracking, storage and disposal of government property and if communications with the workforce comply with requirements of written documentation of policies and directives; the cost impacts and budget accounts impacted; and the impact on Goddard’s capacities.

The letter was signed by Ranking Member Committee on Science, Space and Technology (SS&T) Zoe Lofgren (Calif.), Ranking Member Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics Valerie Foushee (N.C.), Ranking Member Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight Emilia Strong Sykes (Ohio) and Members of Congress Suzanne Bonamici (Ore.), Haley Stevens (Mich.), Deborah Ross (N.C.), Andrea Salinas (Ore.), Gabe Amo (R.I.), Suhas Subramanyam (Va.), Luz Rivas (Calif.), Sarah McBride (Del.), George Whitesides (Calif.), Laura Friedman (Calif.), April McClain Delaney (Md.), Josh Riley (N.Y.) and Bill Foster (Ill.). The only Democrat on the SS&T who didn’t sign the letter was Laura Gillen (N.Y.).

and rah-rah Goddard” with no questions allowed and no real information. One source suggested that Simmons and Fox are under pressure to shrink Goddard to forestall a closure and others suggested the two may not be fully aware of what is happening.

Employees were told there would be an internal website answering FAQs and future town halls to address questions were promised. A source told the News Review a cursory FAQ has now been posted but is not particularly detailed. There is now an internal website to host updates and information.



Election 2025

Breakdown of Results Shows How, Where Ballots Were Cast

by Mary Moien

Data from the City of Greenbelt shows that 3,344 voters cast ballots in the city election on November 4. Almost 16,000 Greenbelters were registered to vote; thus, about 21 percent cast a vote. This seemingly low percentage represents a record turnout compared to recent years. In both 2023 and 2021 the percentage of registered voters who voted in the city election was 17.8 percent. In 2019, that number was 14.9 percent, in 2017 18.9 percent and in 2015 15.5 percent.

Voting Method

Sixty-one percent of voters cast their ballot in person on Election Day; 26 percent voted by mail; and 13 percent voted in early voting on November 1 and 2. However, early voting was held at only three locations. Since voters could cast an early vote at any of the three locations, data by precinct was not usable. Data was also not tabulated by the city by precinct for mail-in votes.

Thus, detailed data by precinct will be shown for the 61 percent who voted on Election Day. Though they may opt for the closest, it should be noted that voters may cast their ballot at any precinct, no matter where they live.

The largest numbers (and percentages) of people voting on

Registered Voters Who Voted on Election Day by Precinct

Precinct	Total Registered	Number Voting on Election Day
Center City	3,322	827
Police Station	2,556	499
Springhill Lake	4,201	195
Greenbriar	3,193	203
Schrom Hills	2,707	264

How Voters Cast Their Ballots

Voting on Election Day	1,988	(61 percent of all voters)
Early Voting	416	(13 percent)
Mail Voting	845	(26 percent)
Total Voting	3,249	(excludes provisional and other ballots under review)

Election Day voted at the Center City and Police Station precincts.

The smallest number voted at the Springhill Lake precinct, although that precinct had by far the largest number of registered voters. It should be noted that for many years, Springhill Lake precinct represented only the apartments currently known as Franklin Park. Now, however, the precinct includes the residents of Greenbelt Station on Greenbelt Road and the Motiva Apartments on Cherrywood Lane.

All seven city council seats were up for election, and six incumbents won. The newly elected councilmember is Frankie Fritz. Not re-elected is longtime Councilmember Rodney Roberts. Emmett Jordan had the highest number of votes and was selected by council as mayor. Kristen Weaver, with the second highest

votes, is mayor pro tem.

Voters could select up to seven persons. The average number of votes per voter was a little over five. All of those elected had

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intimidation tactics, harassment and other things that create a toxic work environment.”

Moving Forward

Salmerón announced that the charter amendment would be ready for council to review on November 18. After review at an upcoming council worksession, a required public hearing would then occur three weeks later, and, finally, adoption or rejection of the unionization charter amendment could occur.

Councilmember Jenni Pompi

noted that council could adopt the charter amendment, but then it would be up to DPW employees to establish a union, and if a union were to be established, employees who opposed a union could not be required to join it. This is true for all unions in the public sector.

In support of unionization, Councilmember Frankie Fritz stated that “collective bargaining is a human right and we should recognize it as such in our laws. ... The laws we pass [should]

cover all the workers in our city. When workers join unions, they are more stable, more content in their jobs and more productive.”

In summing up, Mayor Emmett Jordan suggested a scheduled worksession on the topic of employee relations with the charter amendment as part of the discussion.

Cathie Meetre assisted in the preparation of this story.



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Dr. Jay McCarl at the Hall of Fame gala with, from left, nephew Dain Scheibel, wife Kim Scheibel McCarl, daughter Tori McCarl, daughter-in-law Mariana Caporicci Bezerra and son Jonah McCarl.

guided teens through college applications and campus visits and coached “countless” youth in basketball, lacrosse and field hockey. McCarl served his church as a deacon, chaired fundraising efforts to construct a new church building, supported homeless and single-parent families and even spent nights in local shelters to offer comfort and care. He and his wife, Kim, have opened up their home to foreign exchange students from around the world. McCarl retired in late 2024 after more than 40 years with the McCarl Dental Group, the family dentistry practice started by his grandfather James W. McCarl in Greenbelt in 1938 (see stories in the September 19, 2024, and January 2, 2025, issues of the News Review).

Hall of Fame

The 2025 PGCPs Hall of Fame class was the seventh since the first inductees were named in 2019 to recognize notable alumni

and to inspire current PGCPs students. The Hall of Fame and gala are sponsored by the Excellence in Education Foundation for PGCPs, Inc., a nonprofit organization that supports PGCPs and its programs. Executive Director Thea Wilson has built corporate and business stakeholder support to provide for the needs of the PGCPs school community, providing hot and healthy meals, technology and more than \$1.3 million in scholarships to students.



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Jon Fraller Is EMT of the Year

EMT Jon Fraller was recognized as Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department's (GVFD) EMT of the Year at the Annual American Legion Post 136 Public Safety Awards on Friday, November 14.

Fraller played a pivotal role in bringing the GVFD EMS Bike Unit program to life – from initial concept to full implementation. His dedication, innovation and commitment to community service continue to strengthen the department, said the GVFD.



From left, GVFD Fire Chief Thomas Ray, EMT of the Year Jon Fraller and his girlfriend Sarah

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Police Blotter

Incidents reported here occurred November 17- 24, 2025. Readers are encouraged to contact the police if they have information that may aid in an inquiry. Call the non-emergency number 301-474-7200 or email pd@greenbeltmd.gov. Times provided are when the incidents were reported.

Incident Summary
Greenbelt Police reported three mental health diversions, one involving attempted suicide, and three domestic incidents, one involving cutting.

Armed Robbery
On November 23 at 10:59 a.m. near 7113 Ora Glen Court, officers responded to a report of an armed robbery. The victims were inside a rental van when an armed, masked suspect approached them. Two other masked suspects were also present, one of whom was armed and demanded the victims' belongings. The suspects fled in an unknown direction.

DUI Arrest
On November 22 at 7:05 a.m. near 5910 Greenbelt Road, a blue Infiniti QX60 crashed into the median. An empty beer bottle was in plain view on the passenger seat; later, more alcoholic beverages and empty alcohol containers were found in the vehicle. The driver was arrested for DUI after failing sobriety testing.

Harassment
On November 22 at 9:37 a.m. near 9230 Springhill Lane, a man tried to enter an office to speak with an employee with whom he'd been in a relationship; his presence was not welcome on the premises, so he was banned and sent away.

On November 22 at 10:13 a.m. near 5921 Cherrywood Terrace, officers were told that a contractual employee of Franklin Park was making sexual advances toward a resident.

**Suspicious Person/
Warrant Arrest**

On November 23 at 3:02 a.m. near 9122 Edmonston Court, a man was peering into the common-area balcony window from outside the building. When the occupants noticed him, he tried to hide. He was arrested after authorities ran a background check and found an outstanding warrant and he was in possession of illegal drugs.

Shell Casing
On November 18 at 11:22 a.m. near 28 Ridge Road, a resident found a spent shell casing; it was secured as evidence and placed into property.

Fire at Buddy Attick Park
On November 19 at 5:26 p.m. near 555 Crescent Road, Greenbelt Police were dispatched and

arrived after firefighters had extinguished a dumpster fire.

Fraud
On November 17 near 10 Laurel Hill Road, a woman received a message on social media stating that her account had been hacked and that she needed to transfer her funds to a more secure account controlled by the scammer.
On November 20 near 8 Southway, a man received an email purportedly from Apple regarding his account. He called the number listed in the email and was instructed to send cash via FedEx to resolve the issue. After being asked to send more money, he realized it was a scam and contacted the police.

Theft and Shoplifting
On November 17 at 11:27 a.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road, a boy was stopped after stealing merchandise; he was banned from the property and released to his parents.

On November 18 at 10:51 a.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road, two women were arrested for shoplifting and were banned from the mall.

On November 19 at 10:34 a.m. near 7573 Greenbelt Road, officers located a shoplifter; he was detained and issued a criminal citation; at 2:46 p.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road, a woman was arrested and charged after she was caught stealing merchandise.

On November 21 at 10:36 a.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road, a shoplifter fled in a Ford F-150, and a suspect has been identified.

On November 23 at 4:38 p.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road, two girls were detained after stealing merchandise, banned, and released to their parents.

Trespassing
On November 17 at 9:24 a.m. near 6406 Ivy Lane, workers inside the building saw a man stealing from the deli.

Vandalism
On November 18 near 12 Parkway, a neighbor called because the door to a vacant apartment was open; it appeared to have forced-entry damage.

**Vehicle Crimes
Stolen Vehicles**

Four vehicles were stolen: on November 17 near Mandan Road and Greenbelt Road, a brown Chevy Malibu; on November 18 near 7810 Hanover Parkway, a

gray 2012 Honda Accord (Md. 59321CJ); on November 19 near 8010 Greenbelt Station Parkway, a 2018 Kia Optima; and on November 21 near 5717 Greenbelt Metro Drive, a gray 2021 Mazda (Fla. CZA8781).

Attempted Theft of Vehicle
On November 23 near 9112 Edmonston Court, a vehicle had a window broken and ignition damage, but the vehicle had an anti-theft device to prevent it from being stolen.

Theft from Auto
Airbags were stolen on November 18 from a Toyota Tacoma near 6160 Springhill Terrace, and from another Toyota Tacoma near 6023 Springhill Drive, and on November 21 near 2 Westway from a Honda Civic.

On November 22, wheels were stolen from a vehicle near 6000 Greenbelt Road; from a 2022 Toyota Camry near 9003 Breezewood Terrace; one tire was taken from a 2026 Honda Civic near 6000 Breezewood Drive; and near 6233 Springhill Drive, during proactive patrolling, an officer spotted a car with no wheels and discovered it had been stolen.

On November 21, items were stolen from a RAV4 that had been broken into near 22 Hillside Road, and from a Ford Mustang near 8 Greentree Place.

Vandalism to Auto
On November 20 near 8000 Greenbelt Station Parkway, a 2013 Hyundai Elantra was vandalized.

On November 21 near 8020 Greenbelt Station Parkway, a 2019 Hyundai Kona was broken into but nothing taken.

On November 23, 18 vehicles had their rear windows smashed. Near Greenbrook Drive and Ora Glen Drive, officers observed that the rear window had been smashed on a 2014 Nissan Altima; a witness saw three suspects wearing all black sweatshirts and

black sweatpants, and a fourth wearing a gray sweatshirt and black sweatpants. Additional vehicles included: a 2015 Honda Accord near Mandan Road and Canning Terrace; a 2006 Honda Accord near 7023 Mathew Street; a 2015 Jeep van near 8205 Mandan Court; a Hyundai Sonata near 7317 Morrison Drive; a Honda Accord near 7400 Morrison Drive; an Audi Q5 near 7346 Morrison Drive; a 2004 Lexus ES

and a 2014 BMW SW near 7101 Megan Lane; a Jeep near 8215 Mandan Court; and a Mercury Milan near 7839 Jacobs Drive. Near 7417 Morrison Drive, officers observed seven vehicles with smashed rear windows: a 2020 Dodge Durango, a 2025 Lexus Sport, a 2023 Toyota Highlander, a 2018 Honda HR-V, a 2019 Land Rover Range Rover, a 2021 Jeep Grand Cherokee and a 2020 Mercedes GLC.

Over 35 Vehicle Break-ins In Greenbelt Sat. Night

Overnight on Saturday, November 22, there were 35 vehicle break-ins reported to Greenbelt Police Department (GPD) in the areas of Hanover Parkway, Jacobs Drive, Morrison Drive, Megan Lane, Bird Lane, Ora Glen Court and Mandan Court.

If anyone has information regarding these thefts, call GPD at 301-474-7200.

Police Officer Injured, Struck by Vehicle

At approximately 7:45 p.m. on Friday, November 21, a Berwyn Heights police officer was injured, struck by a passing vehicle while assisting a disabled motorist on eastbound Greenbelt Road, just prior to the intersection with Kenilworth Avenue.

The officer was treated at the scene and transported by ambulance to a regional trauma center with serious but non-life-threatening injuries. The officer is currently receiving medical care and is expected to recover.

The driver of the vehicle remained on the scene. As the incident occurred within the City of Greenbelt, the Greenbelt Police Department is taking the lead on the investigation.

Help Identify Car Thief

On November 19 at 3:35 a.m., a person was captured on camera stealing a burgundy Kia Optima (Md. 4EW1015) from the fourth floor of the parking garage located at 8010 Greenbelt Station Parkway.

If anyone has information about this incident or can help identify the individual, contact PFC Skibicki at PSkibicki@greenbeltmd.gov or call the Greenbelt Police Department at 301-474-7200.



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The police department is looking for information about this individual, caught on security cameras stealing a car.



PRELIMINARY AGENDA Meetings of the GHI Board of Directors on December 4, 2025

GHI Closed Meeting – starts at 7:00 p.m. - closed to members and visitors

- a) Approve Minutes of the GHI Closed Meeting Held on November 6, 2025
- b) Member Matters

GHI Open Meeting – starts after GHI Closed Meeting - open to members and visitors

- a) Approve Minutes of the GHI Open Meeting Held on November 6, 2025
- b) Statement of Closed Meeting Held on December 4, 2025
- c) 2026 Insurance Quote
- d) Complaints Procedures
- e) 2025 Phase 1 Pipe Replacement Program Report
- f) 2025 Town Hall PowerPoint
- g) GHI Holiday Office Closings
- h) Motion to Hold a Closed Meeting on December 18, 2025

Members and visitors who wish to attend the Open meetings must register in advance via the following link:

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Trash Limits: More to Know About Save as You Throw

by John Lippert

In the coming weeks until the Save as You Throw (SAYT) program begins on January 1, 2026, the Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability (Green ACES) will be providing more details on practical aspects that will help residents decide on whether to go with the city-approved SAYT bags or the Max Trash sticker option.

Is There Really A Three-bag Limit?

For those who choose to buy the city-approved SAYT bags, there is no limit to putting out as many of whichever sizes you want each week. It goes without saying that the more city-approved bags used, the more it will cost for bag purchases, which incorporate the landfill fees. If one needs to put out more bags due to a special event, for example, go ahead.

Max Trash Limit

Those who choose the Max Trash sticker may put out the equivalent of three large 33-gallon trash bags of any brand, with each bag weighing no more than 50 pounds. This limit has always been on the books, but has not

been enforced recently. This does not mean that one can only put out three smaller bags, just that the total doesn't exceed 99 gallons; this is roughly equal to a large wheeled 96-gallon tote.

Let's look at an example: Mary puts out one full standard 13-gallon kitchen trash bag every day of the week. That would equal 91 gallons (13 gallons x 7 days = 91 gallons). Mary is within the limit.

If a resident needs to exceed the 99-gallon limit for Max Trash, they may purchase an unlimited number of city-approved SAYT bags to supplement the Max Trash sticker (or put out the excess trash the following week).

Where to Buy the Max Trash Sticker?

Stickers will be available for purchase by early to mid-December either online at the city's SAYT webpage, greenbelt-md.gov/sayt, or in person at the Finance Office in the Municipal Building.

John Lippert is chair of the Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability (Green ACES).

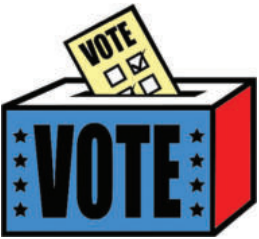
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54 percent of the vote or higher, with Jordan receiving 72 percent of votes for all voters. Jordan also had the highest number of votes for in-person voting in every precinct with the exception of Springhill Lake where Danielle McKinney had 11 more votes (132 to 121) and Kristen Weaver had three more votes (124 to 121). There was some variability in the order in which the seven were selected which may represent where the candidates live, among other factors. But, in every precinct, for in-person voting on Election Day, the same seven candidates were all elected.

Voting by Noncitizens

During the 2023 election, voters were asked whether non-

citizens who were Greenbelt residents should be allowed to vote in city elections. About two-thirds of the voters agreed that noncitizens should be allowed to register and vote. This year was their first chance to do so. However, only 22 noncitizens registered to vote this year; half of them were in the Springhill Lake precinct. Eight of the 22 actually voted.



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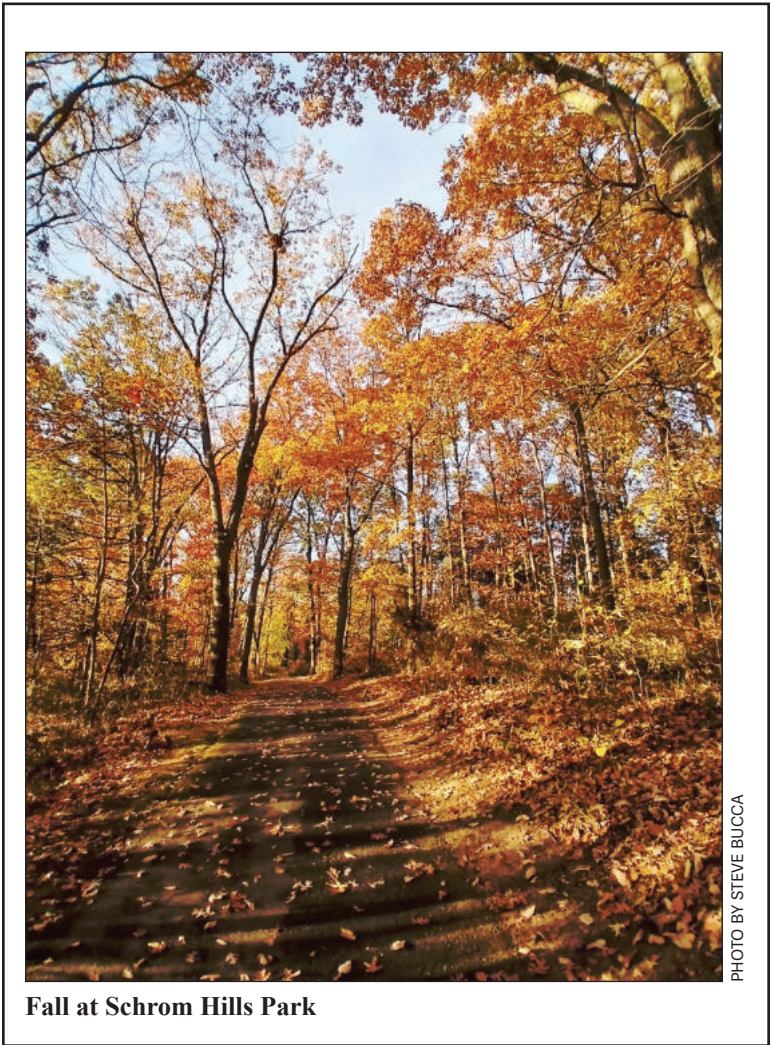
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Fall at Schrom Hills Park

Nursery School Students Shop, Cook and Feast

On Friday, November 21, students from Greenbelt Nursery School took a trip with their teachers to the Co-op Grocery Store to shop for their annual Thanksgiving feast. The students then peeled potatoes,

mixed batter and prepared dishes in their classrooms on Monday. On Tuesday they celebrated Thanksgiving together in their classrooms, a tradition dating back decades at the school.



Children help check out their items.
- Photos by Anna Bedford-Dillow



Mayari holds her shopping list.



The nursery school students walk with teachers and co-oping parents from their school in the Community Center to the Co-op Grocery Store.

